

From: Lee DiFabbio <leedifabbio@gmail.com>
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To: INSTestimony
Subject: Opposition of H.B. 6656

Dear elected officials,

I cannot express my opposition to H.B. 6656 strongly enough. The proposal that insurance be required to exercise a state and national constitutionally protected right should be as outrageous to you as it is to me and every other citizen of the state. This is nothing more than a tax in an attempt to punish firearms owners which would invariably result in backdoor registration, an invasion of privacy, and serves only to make criminals out of law-abiding gun owners. It is utterly unconscionable to discriminate against untold hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents under any circumstance, but particularly when many families are already financially strained given the current economic climate. The same way that requiring a tax be paid to exercise your right to vote has been ruled unconstitutional, requiring insurance as a form of taxation to exercise your 2nd amendment right falls under the exact same scrutiny. The fact that H.B. 6656 has even been raised is both disturbing and disappointing. Do not discriminate against, or allow your constituents to be victims of prejudice by letting any further action be taken on this bill. I'm a lifelong Connecticut resident and I vote, please represent me.

Sincerely,

Lee Di Fabbio